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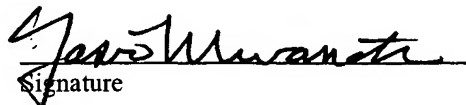
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (3). The prior art references are:

(1) U.S. Patent No. 5,769,866 entitled "INCISION DEVICE" and issued to Frantzen on June 23, 1998.

(2) German Patent Publication No. DE 3225620 A1 published February 3, 1983.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed references be considered in the substantive examination of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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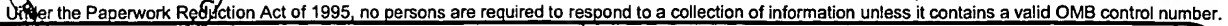
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